THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) conducted a multi-institutional multi-disciplinary study betwwen 1985 and 1990 in Shimoga District of Karnataka State. This study had identified Handigodu disease as a syndrome of genetically determined multiple epiphyseal dysplasia particularly affecting the epiphyses at hips, wrist, knee and the spine producing vairable clinical and radioligical syndrone of bone disease and deformties. No evidence is available which would indicate that the pesticides are the cause of dwarfism. The final report of the study has not been published so far.

(c) No such studies have been conducted by the ICMR on epilepsy.

(d) The ICMR's National of Occupational Health Ahmedabad is already having a Division which works on experimental evaluation of pesticides commonly used in India and also initiates epidemiological investigations.

Medical facilities to Uttarkashi victims

46. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1172 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that victims of Uttarkashi earthquake continue to be neglected and are not getting health care ; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that only a few NGOs are providing health care to the victims and if so, the names of these NGOs ihcicating the assistance provided to them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No. All the earthquake victims are heing provided proper and edequate health care.

(b) No. Most of the proper medical and health care has been provided by Govt. agencies. However some of the NGOs like Shri Bhuvaneshwar Mahila Ashram Anajenisan, Tehri Garhwal have also contributed medical care to the victims.

Water borne diseases

3547. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified areas most prone to water borne diseases and epidemics ;

(b) if so what are the details thereof and steps taken to reduce the water-borne diseases ;

(c) what it the financial assistance being provided to various states to combat water-borne diseases ;

(d) the assistance received from international agencies for such programmes ; and

(e) the number of people affected with water-borne diseases at any time all over the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARBHA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Assistance is provided for Accelerated Rural Water Supply

Programme (ARWSP) and Sub-Missions on Water Quality Surveilance. Government of India also provide grant-in-aid to State Govts. for establishment of district level stationary laboratories and also supplies water testing kits. About Rs. 538 crores in 1991-92 and Rs. 460 crores in 1992-93 are to be utilised for ARWSP Mini-Missions and Sub-Missions.

(d) About 5 to 6% of the actual amount spent by Central and State Governments on ARWSP Mini-Missions & Sub-Missions is provided by international agencies.

(e) According to the information furnished by State Governments/U.Ts. 14041158 persons were affected by four maior water borne disease *i.e.* acute Diarrhoeal diseases (including Gestre-enteritis). Vital Hopatitis Enteric fever and Cholera in 1991.

Manufacture of AZT

3548. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the indigenously manufactured (AZT AZIDGTHYMIDINE) drug for fighting AIDS is expected be marketed soon in the country ; and

(b) if so the details thereof including the price of the drug and the name of the company manufacturing the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : a) and (b) According to information received from Indian Council of Medical Research Indian Institute of Chemica Technology has evolved a technique of manufacturing AZT.

At the request of Indian Institute of Chemical Technology Government of India has waived the 15% custom duty on thymidine a key intermediate in the manufacture of AZT.

An Indian firm CIPLA will soon be manufacturing and marketing AZT at the cost of Rs. 8.00 per capsule.

Fuel wood for cremation grounds in Delhi

3549. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Municiral Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Administration is getting the supply of fuel wood for their cremation grounds through the private contractors ;

(b) if so, how much fuel wood was purchased during the last three financial years for their cremation grounds and the amount paid therefor separately year-wise ; and

(c) how much amount obtained by the M.C.D. on selling the same fuel wood purchased during the last three financial years separately yearwise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Information regarding purchase and sale of fuel wood during the last three financial years